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Sir:

This responds to the Final Office Action mailed on March 06, 2002. Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment is appropriate for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and that the following remarks place the remaining claims in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed March 06, 2002. In this Office Action, claims 2-12 are pending. The Examiner rejected claims 5-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Roetter et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,261,497 (hereinafter Roetter) in view of Lewis et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,468,912 (hereinafter Lewis). Claims 2-4 have been allowed.